

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind
Fay Academy Gallery
1667 Miller Road
Flint, Michigan 48503-4720

May 10, 2005
9:00 a.m.

Present: Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes, Interim Superintendent, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mr. Reginald M. Turner
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hughes called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Prior to the meeting, students of the Michigan School for the Deaf performed poetry and a theatrical act including outstanding dancing from "Singing Hands," and shared a presentation on student participation in the 2004 summer olympics in Australia.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Special Education Advisory Committee May 2005 Quick Notes
- B. Article titled "Why Tolerance is Fading for Zero Tolerance in Schools"

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2004-2005 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment – added to agenda

- B. Discussion Regarding Michigan State Board of Education/Department of Education Strategic Plan 2005-2010 – removed from agenda

Mr. Austin requested that the following item be added to the agenda:

- C. Presentation by Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department staff, and guests.

Mrs. Hamilton thanked the staff of the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind for hosting the Board meeting.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS REGARDING SEARCH FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Straus reported on the Board meeting on May 9, 2005, to review the applications for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the field was narrowed to three candidates who have all agreed to make their candidacy public. She said the candidates who will be invited to interview publicly are: Dr. Nicholas Fischer, Assistant Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia; Mr. Michael Flanagan, Executive Director, Michigan Association of School Administrators; and Dr. Thomas Jandris, Executive Director, Progress Education Corporation. Mrs. Straus said the interview date will be determined later in the meeting.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:24 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hughes called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update on Activities at the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Ms. Beth Steenwyk, Chief Administrator, Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind
- Ms. Cecelia Winkler, Principal, Michigan School for the Deaf
- Ms. Darla Jackson, Assistant Principal, Michigan School for the Deaf
- Ms. Becky Calaman, Parent Liaison, Michigan School for the Deaf

B. Presentation on the Study Regarding the “Nowhere to Go” Effects of Zero Tolerance Discipline Policies

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Peri Stone-Palmquist, Graduate Student, Public Policy and Social Work, University of Michigan
- Ms. Ruth Zweifler, Student Advocacy Center
- Ms. Anna Moreno, Successful Opportunities Accepting Responsibility Program, Huron Valley Schools

C. Discussion Regarding Department of Education Activities in Response to Cherry Commission Recommendations

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Dorothy VanLooy, Acting Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Special Assistant to the Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:04 p.m. During the recess the Board and staff had lunch with students and a tour of classrooms.

REGULAR MEETING

X. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – DR. JEREMY HUGHES

Dr. Hughes said due to time constraints and the need for additional information, the Executive Committee of the Board will meet with staff to prepare for a future presentation to the Board on "Discussion Regarding Department of Education Activities in Response to Cherry Commission Recommendations." This is a continuation of discussion begun during the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Dr. Hughes invited guests to comment, and Dr. Barbara Markle, Office of K-12 Outreach Programs, Michigan State University, shared remarks on "Discussion Regarding Department of Education Activities in Response to Cherry Commission Recommendations."

Dr. Hughes thanked Ms. Helen Boucher and Ms. Jennifer Eikner, sign language interpreters, who are interpreting during the Board meeting.

XI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 12, 2005

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 12, 2005.

The motion carried unanimously.

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Blue Ribbon School Awards

Mrs. Straus said 32 schools have achieved Blue Ribbon recognition this year – the largest number over a five-year period. She said Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, Dr. Hughes, and she participated in the celebration at Lincoln Heights Elementary School in Greenville on May 9, 2005. She said Congressman Dave Camp, State Representatives Judy Emmons and Tom Pearce, and a representative of Senator Alan Cropsey's office also attended.

Mrs. Straus thanked Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. Danhof, and Mr. Turner for attending the Blue Ribbon presentations. Mrs. Straus said there are many superb teachers, principals, administrators, students, and communities in Michigan, all of whom work to achieve excellent schools.

B. New Detroit Public Education Task Force

Mrs. Straus said she met with the New Detroit Public Education Task Force on April 13, 2005, to provide an update on State Board activities. She said she was also asked to participate in a panel at a subsequent meeting in New Detroit's Board of Trustees. She said the panel also included Mr. Dan Quisenberry, Michigan Association of Public School Academies; Mr. David Hecker, Michigan Federation of Teachers; and Mr. Bill Brooks, Detroit Reform Board.

C. Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative Steering Committee meeting on April 20, 2005. She said this is an exciting approach that uses positive behavior support to improve reading, and data show that these activities are effective. She said a presentation will be made at a future Board meeting.

D. High School Redesign Conference

Mrs. Straus said Michigan State University's Annual Education Conference, in conjunction with the Department of Education – Redefining Michigan's High Schools had a repeat session on April 25, 2005, in Lansing. Mrs. Straus said Board members were able to attend the conference, and it was very informative.

E. Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Awards Ceremony

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer attended an impressive awards ceremony at Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency on April 27, 2005 recognizing outstanding teachers.

F. Macomb School Boards Association Legislative Dinner

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer attended the Macomb School Boards Association Legislative Dinner on April 28, 2005, which included a heartfelt video tribute to Dr. Joe Hollis, Macomb's Legislative Liaison, who died several months ago.

G. Michigan Association of School Boards Awards Luncheon

Mrs. Straus said she spoke at the Michigan Association of School Boards Awards Luncheon on May 4, 2005, recognizing innovative programs in schools.

H. Steering Committee of the Coalition for Civic Education

Mrs. Straus said she met with the Detroit Free Press Editorial Board on May 2, 2005, as a member of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for Civic Education. She said the Coalition received a grant from the Carnegie Corporation and Knight Foundation to promote the historic civic mission of schools. She said to keep our democracy functioning we need students to become citizens who are aware and participate positively. She said the arts, social studies, history, and geography are all important and necessary aspects of education.

XIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

K. Human Resources Report

L. Report on the Macomb Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

M. 2005-2006 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2006 – Initial

N. 2002-2003 Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Program – Amendment

O. 2003-2004 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C Infants and Toddlers Program – Amendment

P. 2004-2005 Mandated Activities Projects, Part C and Part B – Amendment

Q. 2005-2006 Freedom to Learn – Initial

Y. 2004-2005 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment

Dr. Hughes provided an oral report on the following:

A. "Board Briefs"

Dr. Hughes said he provides Board members with a weekly update of Department activities through "Board Briefs."

B. Michigan Merit Exam

Dr. Hughes said he made a presentation to the Senate Education Committee on May 5, 2005, regarding the progress the Department is making toward implementation of the Michigan Merit Exam.

C. Standard and Poors Benchmarking Project

Dr. Hughes said Standard and Poors presented the Benchmarking Project to the House Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee has also extended an invitation. Dr. Hughes said Standard and Poors will be invited to present at a future Board meeting.

D. American Diploma Project

Dr. Hughes said he will attend a conference on the American Diploma Project on May 24-25, 2005. He said Ms. Sue Carnell, Governor Granholm's Office; Mr. Jim Sandy, Michigan Business Leaders for Educational Excellence; and Mr. Jim Ballard, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, will also attend.

E. Presentations to Superintendents

Dr. Hughes said he and several other Department staff presented during the Macomb County Superintendents retreat in Lansing on May 5, 2005. He said he will present to Traverse Bay Area Superintendents on May 12, 2005.

XIV. REPORT BY MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year, presented Report by Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Capraro said she attended many out-of-state events in April. She said she was in Dallas, Texas for the National Science Teachers Association Conference; Washington, D.C. for the National Teacher of the Year Recognition Program that included meeting President and Mrs. Bush in the Oval Office; and Washington, D.C. for the Education Policy Fellowship Program Policy Seminar.

Mrs. Capraro said she also attended the Delta Kappa Gamma Banquet, visited the Battle Creek Area Math & Science Center, and participated in Challenge Day in her home district of Northville. Mrs. Capraro said she will return to Hillside Middle School in Northville as an Assistant Principal, when her term as Teacher of the Year concludes in June, 2005.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. Wally Pacut, student, Michigan School for the Deaf, shared comments regarding zero tolerance.
- B. Mrs. Debbie Squires, 2132 Jason Drive, Commerce, Michigan 48382. Mrs. Squires, representing Huron Valley Schools, offered comments on programs for expelled students.
- C. Mrs. Cheryl Swaim, 26345 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334. Mrs. Swaim offered comments on education reform and finance for public education.
- D. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Mrs. Wood, representing Michigan Alliance for Charter School Reform, offered written and oral comments on the report to the legislature regarding public school academies.

XVI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no awards or recognitions.

XVII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:42 p.m. to reconvene as a Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

XVIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- D. Discussion Regarding Report to the Legislature on Public School Academies

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Dorothy VanLooy, Acting Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Joann Neuroth, Coordinator, Public School Academies

- E. Proposed Amendments to Michigan's Accountability Workbook

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Dorothy VanLooy, Acting Chief Academic Officer

- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Special Assistant to the Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Dr. Joseph Martineau, Psychometrician, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

Mr. Turner left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

XIX. RECESS

The Board recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

XX. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

F. Presentation by Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. An-Me Chung, Program Officer, Pathways Out of Poverty, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- Mr. Eugene Hillsman, Program Assistant, Pathways Out of Poverty, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

G. Update Regarding the Education Reform and Finance Study for Public Education

The following individual presented:

- Mrs. Kathleen Straus, President, State Board of Education

H. Discussion Regarding Michigan State Board of Education/Department of Education Strategic Plan 2005-2010

This item was removed from the agenda.

I. Discussion Regarding School Districts in Deficit

The following individual presented:

- Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, Office of School Finance and School Law

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 3:45 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XXII. UPDATE ON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Dr. Hughes distributed a copy of a written report, "Education Legislation Update," prepared by Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director. Dr. Hughes said Mr. Morris is unable to attend the Board meeting due to legislative meetings.

Mrs. Straus said on May 2, 2005, the House of Representatives voted on House Joint Resolution C, which would amend the State Constitution to transfer the authority to appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction from the State Board of Education to the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Board of Education. She said the resolution, which requires a two-thirds vote, was narrowly defeated, and she thanked Board members for their discussions with Representatives regarding this issue.

Mrs. Bauer said regarding the legislation proposing voluntary principal certification, it would be her preference to require certification of principals. Mrs. McGuire said it is believed that it would be difficult to pass legislation requiring certification, and Senator Jelinek is expected to introduce voluntary certification. Mrs. McGuire said it would help with reciprocity in other states.

This was an update only, and no action was taken.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

XXIII. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS TO APPROVE SUPPLIERS OF FIRST AID AND CPR COURSES FOR THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services, presented Approval of Application and Review Process to Approve Suppliers of First Aid and CPR Courses for the Initial Certification of Teachers.

Dr. Jenkins said the Revised School Code requires that ". . . the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall not issue an initial teaching certificate to a person unless the person . . . has successfully completed a course approved by the Department in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation . . . and holds valid certification . . . issued by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or a comparable organization or Institution approved by the Department." She said the Board is being asked to approve the application and review process for the approval of organizations offering courses comparable to the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the application and review process for the approval of organizations that wish to offer first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses to candidates for initial Michigan teaching certificates that are comparable to those offered by the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 25, 2005.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Austin, Turner**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Capraro left the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA

- T. Approval of Criteria for the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant
- U. Receive the Report to the Legislature on Public School Academies – this item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion
- V. Approval of State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan 2005-2010 – this item was removed from the agenda
- W. Approval of Appointments to Special Education Advisory Committee
- X. Adoption of Resolution Honoring David J. Brock
- Z. Approval of Amendments to Michigan's Accountability Workbook – this item was added to the Consent Agenda

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda, as follows:

- T. **approve the criteria for the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 25, 2005;**
- U. **(this item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion);**

- V. (this item was removed from the agenda);
- W. approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum of May 3, 2005, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified;
- X. adopt the resolution honoring David J. Brock, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 25, 2005; and
- Z. approve three amendments to Michigan's Accountability Workbook:
 - 1. A change in the minimum group size for schools and school districts, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 6, 2005
 - a. 30 will be the minimum number for all schools and school districts with an enrollment of less than 3,000 students
 - b. For schools and school districts with 3,000 students or more the minimum number will be 1% of the enrollment, except that
 - c. The minimum number will be capped at 200 even if that is less than 1% of the school district enrollment.
 - 2. Defining the "first year in school in the United States" as the student being enrolled in a school for the two pupil count dates prior to the assessment, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 6, 2005.
 - 3. The measurement error will be based on two standard errors of measurement below and above each student's score, as described in the update distributed at the May 10, 2005, Board meeting.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Austin, Turner

The motion carried.

The resolution honoring David J. Brock is attached as Exhibit A.

XXV. RECEIVE THE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education (1) approve the Recommendations for Legislative Amendments to the Revised School Code concerning Public School Academies; as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 3, 2005; (2) receive the Report to the Legislature on Public School Academies, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 3, 2005, and approve its transmittal to the Legislature to fulfill the requirement of the law; and (3) appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of Mr. Austin, Mrs. McGuire, and Mrs. Weiser, to work with staff regarding submission of future Public School Academy Reports to the Legislature.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Austin, Turner**

The motion carried.

XXVI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Wexford-Missaukee Early On – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin said she attended the Wexford-Missaukee Early On Annual Celebration on May 2, 2005. She said the program provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers and the program is valued by the community. She said she was able to attend a home visit, and appreciated the opportunity to represent the Board. She shared a copy of the program with Board members.

B. Holocaust Day of Remembrance – Mrs. Nancy Danhof

Mrs. Danhof said she and her husband attended the Holocaust Day of Remembrance at the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C. on May 5, 2005. She said she presented to the Chairman of the Holocaust Commission the resolution adopted by the Board commemorating the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust. She said he was very appreciative.

C. Blue Ribbon School Celebrations and Arab American National Museum Visit– Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she has attended several Blue Ribbon School Celebrations, and they are all very energizing.

Mrs. Bauer said she and Mrs. Danhof also attended Educator Day at the newly opened Arab American National Museum in Dearborn. She said the museum is devoted to the history and achievements of people of Arab descent. She said it's a wonderful educational opportunity.

XXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education convene a special meeting on May 18, 2005, for the purpose of conducting public interviews for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Austin, Turner**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Bauer said it is important that candidates be interviewed in the John A. Hannah Building in Lansing so staff will have the opportunity to attend.

XXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Dr. Hughes said due to construction, Board meetings will be held in locations outside of Lansing to provide greater accessibility.

- A. June 14, 2005 – Holt Public Schools, Holt
- B. July 12, 2005 – Site to be Determined
- C. August 9, 2005 – East Lansing Public Schools, East Lansing
- D. September 13, 2005 – Site to be Determined

XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary